



## IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 21, 2025

Present: Sunni Case Armstrong, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, Evelin Hooper, Winnie Lo (virtual), BJ Park, Chris Paul, Gerry Preston, Cosi Slider, Erinn Stimson, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Kolini Fusitu'a, Rebekah Morgan

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director / Equity & Inclusion Officer  
Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chris Paul called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. He announced an agenda change to move the CORA: Core Opportunity and Reinvestment Area Plan agenda item ahead of Old Business.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris Paul called for any corrections to the March minutes. BJ Park moved to accept the March 2025 meeting minutes; Sunni Armstrong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Co-Chairs:** Chris Paul announced that Angelica Butler has resigned from the committee.

**2. Council Liaison:** Councilor Christen Sacco provided updates about recent presentations to City Council, including a report about homelessness in our community, a presentation from the Tualatin Riverkeepers, and a trip by Councilors and Youth Advisory Council members to Washington, DC. She said that City Council will have a discussion about food carts in Tualatin at the April 28 Council meeting.

**3. Staff:** Jerianne Thompson announced that she and Chris Paul reviewed the proclamation for Pride Month, which was included in the committee's packet. Because this proclamation is on the annual list for City Council, it does not require action by the committee. She also shared that she and Betsy

Rodriguez Ruef are working to create a Microsoft Teams site for committee members to share information.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef shared information about upcoming Community Involvement Organization meetings, which bring neighbors together to discuss local Issues and stay informed, and showed images of a t-shirt the City will order for committee members with the committee logo.

**4. Public:** None.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. CORA: Core Opportunity and Reinvestment Area Plan:** Urban Renewal & Economic Development Manager Sid Sin gave an overview presentation about plans for downtown revitalization through an urban renewal project. A Community Advisory Committee will be formed, including representatives from advisory committees and other stakeholder groups, to give community input on the plan's development. The project will include identifying community identity / placemaking concepts, design development, and updates to Tualatin design standards, with multiple opportunities for community engagement. Committee members BJ Park, Kelsea Ashenbrenner, and Gerry Preston volunteered to serve on the Community Advisory Committee; Jerianne Thompson and Betsy Rodriguez Ruef will connect with Chris Paul and BJ Park to identify the committee's representative.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Workplan Topics – Outcomes & Actions:** Jerianne Thompson led the committee in a review of proposed outcomes and actions for the workplan topics Food Carts / Food Cart Pods and Community Groups. Regarding Community Groups, committee members expressed interest in brainstorming different ways to share information with community members and to encourage positive expressions of multiculturalism in Tualatin. Committee members suggested revising the proposed outcome for Food Carts / Food Cart Pods to be about experiences and gathering places, rather than variety of food choices, noting that visiting a food cart pod is a different experience than visiting a brick-and-mortar restaurant, and you currently have to leave Tualatin for that experience.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Community Park Universal Playground:** Parks and Recreation is pursuing a grant from Oregon's Local Government Grant Program to support a universal playground at Tualatin Community Park. Jerianne Thompson shared a summary of common features for universal playgrounds and asked if the committee would like to submit a letter of support for the project. Committee members agreed by consensus to send a letter.

**F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Parks & Recreation: Gathering Places**

G. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jerianne Thompson & Betsy Ruef, staff